

**Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 - Expedited Examining Procedure**

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**For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR IN VIVO AND IN VITRO ATTENUATION OF GENE  
EXPRESSION USING DOUBLE STRANDED RNA****Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3, with the following amended paragraph.

Figure 13 shows the effect of GFP double-stranded RNA injection on transient expression of GFP in [rat] murine cell culture.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 36, line 10, with the following amended paragraph.

Double-stranded GFP RNA was prepared as described in Example 1. [Rat] Murine NIH/3T3 cells were transfected with pEGFP-N1 and double stranded GFP RNA using a standard transfection procedure. First, cells (~2x 10<sup>3</sup> per well) were seeded in a six-well tissue culture plate in 2 ml of DMEM with 10% FBS. The cells were then incubated at 37°C in a CO<sub>2</sub> incubator until they were about 70-80 % confluent (i.e., 18-24 hours).